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Body

The swirl and drama of world events can take the mind from all that counts. When a greatly loved monarch, the longest-reigning and probably the most pleasant regent in all history, dies, it steals the headlines from everything else.

Or when the disastrous embrace of the global warming fanaticism and the malice of Vladimir Putin leaves most of Europe in fear of the winter to come and desperately seeking supplies of natural gas or reverting (dread moment) to coal-fired backups, we know the time is tense. And as Putin rattles for the first time in 60 years the nuclear sabre, he reawakens a dread that has been dormant since the Cuban missile crisis.

Overworked journalists abroad and at home follow the "lead" and cannot attend perhaps equally momentous narratives.

I could offer as a principal example the question: Is poor Meghan Markle, oppressed by an uncaring palace and striving with Netflix to offer her wisdom and deep care to a world audience, in suffering and traumas? There are Khardashians, or dammit, even some of their purse-dogs, who are getting more press. How can this be? How can such real pain be passed by?

And how, in such an ominous context, have we time to attend to stories which (please forgive the cliché) in the long term, may prove more definitive of our times, or even more consequential to life on the planet, provided there is continued life on this perfect and otherwise carbon-dioxide-threatened planet.

All Canadian citizens, regardless of their connections to the Liberal party, or the Conservatives, or even Jagmeet Singh's L-NDP (Liberal-New Democratic Party) equally mourn and are in deep sadness.

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Sadness, that in this crisis of our times, the party alone of pure mind and dedicated intent for the one great cause of our times - saving the entire planet and all of us upon it - the Green party of Elizabeth May, by Elizabeth May, and for Elizabeth May, for so it always has been, appears in rancour and dismay.

Rex Murphy: Canada's Green party withers on the vine

It is difficult to understand how our fine media have overlooked the breakdown and possible total wrecking of the one political party in Canada which alone could stave off global warming Armageddon.

No headline, even in these turbulent moments, of the one leader who has gone to so many, many mass gatherings of the climate priests - is it 20 or 31? - in all the comfortable capitals of the world (yet, I have been told, in Glasgow hotels the bedsheets were an over-starched horror), put on by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

The once-leader of the Canadian Green party has been a martyr to long-distance air travel and lineups for credentials at IPCC mass convocations for near 30 years.

Such stamina. A great cause demands many flights. And now that the party she founded and personified is wounded, she returns.

Elizabeth May understands the stakes. That is why she has come back to contest the leadership she so gallantly retired from.

The Green Party of Canada may be in a free fall over pronoun etiquette. It may have just chased its first Black, Jewish leader, Annamie Paul, out of the party. No other "progressive" political party in the present moment could survive what happened to Ms. Paul. Saving the planet, however, allows for impressively strange turns.

But pay no attention to these things. The Green party may be devouring itself. But its once and future leader - that would be Ms. May - has a stated life mission of saving the planet. A big chore.

And, so, let us not let these feeble and distractive imbroglios within the party that May has made, and which is solely her own creature, turn you away from the message that only Greens and their caucus of two can hold back planetary doom.

The joke ends here.

The entire existence of the Green party as a national voice, as a political force, a genuine parliamentary entity, has been a fiction. It has been a party, from the start to the present farcical moment, a party of one. It is and it was an Elizabeth May vehicle. And now it is out of gas, tires flat, and all motion gone.

The Green party is incompetent to the point of risibility in its own affairs. Its leadership contest is a silly jumble. The "return" of Elizabeth May to seek the leadership she abandoned is comic and sad simultaneously.

The Greens pretend they wish to save all mankind. And they stumble over pronouns and spend more than a decade to get a couple of seats in the Commons.

As was said by Aristotle, or someone else, it is not easy being green.

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